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Applicants : Phillip Stanley Baker *et al.*
Filed : May 14, 2002
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Examiner : Allan R. Kuhns
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Adrienne White

Dear Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response to the Office Action Mailed March 3, 2004, for this application.

The Applicants are other than a small entity.

The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

The Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. This conditional petition is being made, however, to provide for the possibility that the Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below.

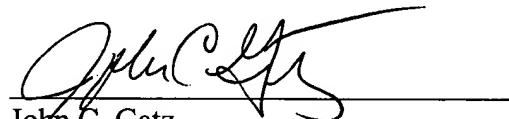
	Claims Remaining	Highest No. Paid For	Extra	Small Entity	Large Entity
Total	13	20	0 x	\$ 9 = \$	\$ 18 = \$ 0
Independent	3	3	0 x	\$ 43 = \$	\$ 86 = \$ 0
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented				\$ 145 = \$	\$ 290 = \$ 0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE					\$ 0.00

No fee is presently due for additional claims. However, Applicants are concurrently filing a Terminal Disclaimer for which a check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required (except the issue fee) while this application is pending, to Deposit Account No. 10-0447 (47097-01072USP1). A duplicate copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 12, 2004



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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED MARCH 3, 2004

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2004. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, *i.e.*, by June 3, 2004. Applicants are concurrently filing a Terminal Disclaimer. Please enter the following remarks into the record for this application.

The **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.